Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the reasons why the Government decided to supply Editors' Table papers free to certain newspapers at the time their first decision was taken ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Because only certain newspapers were enjoying that privilege before and Government did not want to stop it."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Do the Government consider now that each newspaper should be given Government advertisements in turn ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I did not ask why the concession given should be withdrawn. But I asked the reasons which led the Government to grant this concession at the time it was given."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have already answered it."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Do not the Government consider that advertisements should be given without making invidious distinctions and only to such newspapers which have a tolerably good circulation ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I think we have some such rule."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" Is it the policy of the Government that such newspapers which are not in favour of Government should not be given advertisements ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" There is no such policy."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (*c*), viz., " No paper is debarred from receiving Government advertisements," may I say that this is not an answer to clause (*c*) of the question ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I don't follow it."

Mr C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I simply wanted to draw your attention to it, Mr. President."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know what papers are now receiving Government advertisements ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Notice."

Police

Revision of the pay of constables in South Kanara.

* 146 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that constables in South Kanara are paid As. 8 less than their comrades in other districts ;

(*b*) if so, why ;

(c) whether the constables of the Malabar Police force recently transferred to Mangalore continue to draw half a rupee over and above what a South Kanara Police constable gets;

(d) whether memorials have been submitted to the Government pointing out this invidious distinction and praying that the pay of the constables in South Kanara may be raised to the scale prevailing in other districts; and

(e) whether the Government propose to reconsider the matter and grant increase of half a rupee in the pay as prayed for?

A.—(a) Yes; but this lower rate of pay obtains in the Jeypore (Police district), Ganjam, Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna and the Nilgiri districts also.

(b) Suitable men can be found in these districts in sufficient numbers on the lower scale of pay.

(c) Yes. The Malabar men are only temporarily sent to Mangalore.

(d) Yes.

(e) The Government see no sufficient ground to do so for the reasons indicated at (b).

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to the answer to clause (b) 'suitable men can be found in these districts in sufficient numbers on the lower scale of pay,' may I know whether the scale of pay depends upon suitable men being available for the pay offered and whether this principle guides the Government in fixing pay for different posts in all departments."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I think their qualifications are taken into consideration."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the cost of living is less in South Kanara than in other districts where the constables are paid annas 8 more?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I should like to have notice."

Religious Disputes

Hindu-Moslem disputes in Guntur.

* 147 *Q.*—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay on the table of the House a report regarding the Hindu-Moslem disputes in Guntur in connexion with the Muharram this year?

A.—A report [a] is laid on the table.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD :—" May I know at what stage the matter is left there?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" If my hon. Friend reads the report that has been laid on the table he will find that every aspect of the question relating to the Hindu-Moslem disputes in Guntur is given there."

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 319 infra.